

NORTHERN TRIBUNE.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 1883.

THERE is to be a delegate convention, to meet in Chicago July 4, for the avowed purpose of organizing a new political party.

THE employees in the Postoffice department at Washington are in a state of uneasiness, it being reported that Postmaster General Gresham is going to make radical changes in his department.

No appropriation having been made by Congress for the transportation of U. S. notes to the Treasury for redemption, Treasurer Wyman has issued a circular giving notice that on and after July 1st, 1883, the government will not pay express charges on such remittances.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has not appointed a relative to office. In this he differs from every one of his predecessors, and in many things he continues to impress himself upon the country as one who tries to do the best he can for the interests of the whole country, and succeeds admirably.

It is thought the bricklayers' strike in Chicago is nearing the end. Idleness has entailed a great loss upon those engaged in that pursuit, and even though the strikers have in a measure gained their point, it is questionable whether or not they are gainers in a pecuniary point.

It is said a syndicate is being formed to try and squeeze from the government \$13,000,000 and interest for twenty years. The money was received for cotton taken from private individuals during the war. It is stated that the combination includes men of wealth and brains, confident of winning. The game is to be played for a big stake, whether it is win or lose.

THERE are about 7,000,000 negroes in the United States, 100,000 of whom are Catholics. The priests of the St. Joseph's Society take a vow obligating them to the colored people exclusively. There are a few colored priests, but the negroes prefer white priests. The Catholic church has always labored among the poorer classes, and is now increasing her efforts to convert the colored people to the faith of the church.

ACCORDING to the Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette, Colonel Maynadier, of West Point, is very considerate for the feelings of the cadets from the south, and to prevent the laceration of their tender sensibilities has ordered the removal of all placards, announcing where and when captured, from all cannon harvested by the boys in blue during the unpleasantness between the north and south.

THE chief characteristic of Col. Ingersoll is inconsistency, and this is the central feature of the great fraud, infidelity. While ignoring everything good, its advocates use words that refer to virtues, grace and worth, rewards and punishments, that are entirely beyond the scope of Godless infidelity, and entirely mythical unless Christianity be true. Being true to infidelity before an intelligent jury would never gain a verdict anywhere in the universe.

THIS month will be prolific with political conventions at Columbus, Ohio. Republicans, 5th and 6th; Women's Rights, 12th and 13th; Prohibitionists 14th; Democrats, 21st. If all national, state, or municipal affairs are not wisely arranged for, in the forthcoming preambles and resolutions of the political Solomons, who meet at these conventions it will not be attributed to the smallness of their number so much as to the smallness of their wisdom. The Republicans lead the way, and will come in ahead next fall, unless the first is last, and the last is first, which isn't likely to be.

THERE is do stauncher friend to prohibition than John G. Whittier, the poet, but unlike a great many prohibitionists, he is endowed with a good degree of common sense and does not expect impossibilities. In a late letter on the subject he says: "Of the right and duty of prohibition I have never doubted, but we can only have it effectual when the people are made to see and feel its necessity." That is the key note to the true situation on this important question, and the sooner the fanatical portion of the prohibitionists recognize the fact and give up their chimerical views, the better it will be for the cause they profess to advocate.

Near St. Jerome, Quebec, 2,000 acres of land have been purchased for the purpose of educating orphan boys in farming operations. An ecclesiastical order of Frenchmen will supervise the work.

THE NEWS.

Seven hundred tourists sailed from New York for Europe Saturday.

On May 22 field-hands in the Edgefield district, South Carolina, worked with overcoats on.

The Massachusetts Senate Monday passed the bill abolishing the poll-tax as a prerequisite to voting.

The average number of people crossing the Brooklyn bridge is 150,000 per day, and 5,000 vehicles.

Michael Fagan, for complicity in the Phoenix Park murders, was hanged at Dublin Monday morning.

A silver mine in Lebanon county, Pa., on which \$20,000 has been expended, was sold at auction a few days ago for \$10.

The Kentucky Democratic platform is not orthodox on free trade, and it occasions alarm among the free trade Democrats.

The Governor of New York lost his overcoat, and a goodly number of people their pocketbooks, at the great bridge opening at Brooklyn.

The standard silver dollars coined at the mints for the week ended May 26 were \$144,000; for the corresponding period last year, \$167,900.

French experts themselves have pronounced some brands of the American sparkling wines of a quality superior to the best French article.

Benjamin Bunker, grandson of the owner of Bunker Hill, where the famous battle was fought, died Monday at Norwich, N. Y., aged 86 years.

The ship Northampton, from New Orleans for Liverpool, with 1,380 bales of cotton and 95,000 staves, has been wrecked on the Marquesas Keys.

The graduates of McGill University, Montreal, voted Monday, with one voice in the negative, that women be admitted to the privileges of the college.

Bismarck contemplates remodeling the constitution of the German Empire, and thinks the Federal government has the power to abolish the Reichstag.

Jay Gould and Gen. Grant and the Mexican government have signed a contract consolidating the Mexican Southern and Mexican Oriental railroads.

Farrell, one of the informers in the trials of the Phoenix Park murderers, has received £1,000 from the government, and Michael Kavanagh, a carman, another informer, £250.

In the fifth race at Louisville Monday—three-quarters of a mile—Pearl Jennings won in 1:13 1/4, beating the record, which was 1:14, made by Barrett at Coney Island three years ago.

The American Peace Society held its session at Boston Monday, and elected Premier Gladstone and General Grant honorary members because of their connection with the treaty of Washington.

Harvest prospects have improved in England, but bread stuffs generally rule dull and easier. The average sales of domestic wheat last week were made at 4s 6d lower than for the same period in 1882.

The contractors on one of the railroads down East, finding it impossible to keep track of the Italian laborers by their unpronounceable names, fell upon the plan of numbering them. The number of each is painted in plain figures on the seat of his pantaloons.

"Aunt Dinah," a full blooded Onondaga Indian 109 years old, died at Syracuse the other day. She saw Washington in 1783 when he made his horseback tour through eastern New York with DeWitt Clinton. She was both Pagan and Christian, and asked that both ceremonies be performed at the grave.

James E. Anderson, who was killed last November, and the founder and first editor of this paper, is in another world, his successor is in the Nevada insane asylum, and the third and present unfortunate is still battling with the world, flesh and the devil, dodging bullets and soliciting advertisements.—*Ruby (Ariz.) News.*

At Fairmount, Ind., last week, a lady with a baby in a little carriage was talking to another lady and letting down the top of the carriage. The baby's finger lay across the side and was cut entirely off. The lady did not know it until she saw the bleeding finger on the sidewalk at her feet, as the baby was asleep and did not cry.

While she was in Washington Mrs. Fair turned her level and fearless gaze upon things, and made no hesitancy at expressing her opinion of the shallow, artificial and unnatural lives that the society women of the capital led. Her disapproval of Washington, and her inability to see anything so fascinating in its life or ways, made her a rara avis among the giddy, giddy women of that world, and a perfect enigma to their little minds.—*Globe-Democrat.*

An enterprising citizen of Berlin has inaugurated a scheme for a grand excursion to the United States to give the people of the fatherland an opportunity to get a glimpse of their friends in the new republic. The excursion will start in June, and will occupy ninety days. Already a thousand people have signified their intention to take advantage of the cheap rates offered, and the projectors expect to require the services of three ocean vessels to transport the crowd that will come.

The Chicago Tribune has settled the location of the next Republican convention. It is to be held in that city for the reason that "in accessibility and accommodations Chicago is the most desirable point in the United States for large gatherings." Among the inducements offered by Chicago to bring the convention there in 1880 was the promise that the price of lager beer should not be raised above the regular figure. It will be necessary to make specific pledges if the convention is to go there again. The glittering generalities of the Tribune will not do.—*Detroit Post and Tribune.*

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